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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Delivers \$23.2 Million Check to Orange County for New Voting Equipment

ORANGE COUNTY --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today presented the Orange County Board of Supervisors \$23,291,315.25 in federal and state voter modernization funds to pay for the county's transition to a new computerized voting system.

The California Voting Modernization Board, established by Proposition 41 in 2002, authored by then-Assembly Majority Leader Kevin Shelley, awarded the county \$16, 782,377.26. The rest of the allocation, \$6,508, 936.58, was provided through the Help America Vote Act, a federal program.

Orange County is purchasing the Hart eSlate direct reporting system (DRE). The total cost of the new system is \$26,179,534.67, mostly funded by the money Shelley presented today, assisting the county at a critical juncture.

"Voting is a sacred expression of democracy," said Shelley. "The new voting system in Orange County will take the principle of "one person one vote" established by our Founders into the information age. I am pleased to provide the funding to modernize Orange County's balloting system in these cash strapped times."

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